

Success Stories



Hi, my name is Simone Hardy and this is my story.

As a child, I always felt alone and trapped, like I was in jail at my parents' house. I felt like the most miserable child on this planet because I was mentally and physically abused by my dad. He even pulled guns on me.

As I got older, things got worse at home. I felt like giving up. I wanted to just die. My school counselor found out about it. I was sent to the hospital where they put me on suicide watch. After I was discharged, things at home got worse. I was jumping from house to house and was basically homeless. A few months later I was raped by someone my family knew.

To this day, I have trust issues with people because of all the hurt I have been through. In addition to all that has gone on in my life, I became pregnant when I was living with my maternal grandmother and she told me I couldn't live there anymore. So here I was again, moving from place to place and pregnant. I had a miscarriage and became even more depressed. My paternal grandmother passed about seven months later. Her dying really messed with my head and was another reason why I wanted to die.

Then I met this wonderful group of people at a place called NFusionX who showed me love and understanding. They took time to listen to me and didn't try to judge me at all. I immediately felt welcomed and they treated me like a real family member. I am a Certified Peer Support Specialist and am gainfully employed at NFusionX. I never thought that I would be able to talk and support people my age and get paid for it. I work with youth between the ages of 14-21. I want to be able to reach out to the younger females all across the state of Mississippi. I want to be able to help them overcome their issues like I've overcome mine.

I still have some issues that I haven't quite gotten over yet but I work on them on a daily basis. I think I will stay in the State of Mississippi until God tells me to move. Another reason why I would want to help and reach out to the young girls is so that they can know that 'THEY ARE NOT ALONE!!!!'

~Simone Hardy

RECOVERY: A process of change through which individuals improve their health and wellness, live a self-directed life, and strive to reach their full potential.